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LOWELL MAN SENTENCED TO ON FEDERAL DRUG CHARGE

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE: United States Attorney Tom Colantuono and Leo Ducey, Resident Agent in Charge of the Drug Enforcement Agency, announced that Greg Lemire, age 26, of Lowell, Massachusetts was sentenced in U.S. District Court in Concord, NH to serve five years in prison for conspiracy to distribute cocaine. In addition, Judge Joseph A. DiClerico ordered the defendant to serve four years of supervised release following his release from prison.

The defendant had pleaded guilty on November 9, 2003, to conspiring with Michael Norton to distribute cocaine in New Hampshire and Massachusetts. The defendants were arrested in January 2004 by DEA agents after they delivered approximately 10 ounces of cocaine to an undercover officer at the Pheasant Lane Mall in Nashua. Mr. Norton is scheduled to be sentenced in March, 2005.

In commenting on the sentence, U.S. Attorney Colantuono stated, "Halting the flow of illegal drugs across our southern border is one of our highest priorities. With the assistance of our law enforcement agencies, we will continue to fight this battle."

This case was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Agency's Cross Border Initiative Task Force and prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Aix Maldonado-Quíñones.